Setting up of IIM in North East

1833. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to set up an Indian Institute of Management in the North-Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the location thereof and the time likely to be taken for the institute to start functioning; and

(c) if not, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes sir. The Government has decided to set up an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in the North-Eastern Region (NER) at an appropriate location to be decided by the Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER) in consultation with the Chief Ministers of the States in the NER.

The Ministry of DoNER has constituted a Committee comprising of Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, Secretary, Department of Secondary and Higher Education and Director, IIM, Calcutta to recommend the most suitable location for the proposed IIM from amongst the two places namely Guwahati and Shillong after considering all the relevant aspects about these places.

The time taken for the institute to start functioning will depend upon the availability of requisite infrastructure etc. at the location of the proposed IIM.

Border area projects

1834. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Border Area Projects instituted in different parts and international borders of the country;

(b) the number of employees in different categories working and their strength in the Border Area Projects all over the country;